

# MORE TAXES ARE DEMANDED OF CARBON'S COAL COMPANIES

**Gov. Simon Bamberger Sends Charles Moxlyn Owen Here to Make Revaluations of All Properties.**

That the state of Utah has lost many thousands of dollars in revenue a year for a long time past owing to alleged improper valuations of coal lands in Carbon county, and that it is the purpose to obtain an adjustment whereby at least fourteen thousand dollars more will this year be paid to the state by the coal companies is indicated by Charles Moxlyn Owen of Zion, who appeared before the board of county commissioners at Price last week and pointed out where, in his opinion, valuations should be increased. Charles Moxlyn Owen will be remembered by local people as the fellow who some seven or eight years ago was devoting a "Mormon" every morning before breakfast. He is also manager of his own news bureau. He furnished all the newspapers of Zion one other day a "story" under Price dateline of his activities and arguments before the commissioners and requested them to order increased valuation.

Owen was recently requested by Gov. Simon Bamberger to make an exhaustive examination of the coal lands in Carbon county. It being thought that the assessments were altogether too low and that the coal companies were not paying a just proportion of the taxes. Owen had also been instructed by the state board of equalization to place the state figures before the county commissioners and request them to order increased valuation.

#### Bamberger Is Persuaded.

The investigation into coal land valuations is said to be one of the steps leading to substantiation of the governor's statement that if accorded sufficient support he would show how two million dollars could be saved to the state. The state legislature appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars for investigation purposes and part of the money has been devoted to this inquiry into coal land valuations. If the county commissioners should reject the appeal of Owen the state will exact taxation on the new valuations proposed by him, according to the statement of the state board of equalization. Owen says that the state will be unable to collect anything on under assessment of previous years, but that it can collect from now on on the new valuations.

It is charged by Owen that the coal companies have taken land schedules

in addition to the present valuation of \$1,748,266, which represent additional revenue to the state four thousand dollars per year. Utah Fuel company, it is proposed, will be increased \$2,468,886.

#### Commissioners Hear Owen.

Chairman Albert Bryner of the board of county commissioners tells the story that when Owen appeared before that body his talk was listened to, but that is all. The board is perfectly satisfied with the work done by Benton, Randolph, county assessors and matters will end there so far as the board is concerned.

Owen had nothing to show that he was representing the state board of equalization or the government. During his talk Owen suggested a reduction of the assessments of the Union Pacific Coal company at Beaufield and also those of Mrs. B. Sharp, which are in excess of the amounts paid in government. It appears that he was before the meeting in a dual capacity.

Owen is withdrawing, suggested that the commissioners follow their own consciences and here the matter rests. Chairman Bryner explains that the assessments of the county assessor stood last year. The board has no reason for going "behind the returns," as it were.

#### COAL COMPANIES' HEARINGS ARE SET FOR COMING MONTH

Hearing of the claims for damages of \$472,359, instituted by coal companies operating in Carbon county against some seven railway corporations will be heard by J. E. Smith, examiner of the interstate commerce commission, at Salt Lake City July 10th, next. The coal companies charge that the railway corporations discriminated against them in the handling of coal shipments by giving preference to their own coal concerns or companies allied with the railroads. There is also the charge that the railroads failed to supply a sufficient number of cars for the haulage of coal from the mines to the market. This is directed by four coal companies: Cameron Coal company for \$29,877.91; Independent Coal and Coke company, \$124,047.61; Spring Canyon Coal company, \$176,932.49; and Standard Coal company, \$138,

or making an investigation of the subject. Based on each one hundred dollars of payroll the estimated rates recommended by Hinshaw follow:

Coal mines, \$4.04, instead of \$3.86, which has been suggested as a tentative rate by the Utah commission metalliferous mines, \$4.22, instead of \$3.95, in ore reduction works, where the Utah rate is \$4.64, a reduction is also recommended. Hinshaw says that in coal mines the rate should apply to all employees, whether their duties take them underground or not.

The industrial commission placed its rate in this instance at the higher figure for men who actually go into the mines, but Hinshaw believes that such a distinction would give opportunity for fraud on the part of employers in classifying their employees. The estimates, it is said, do not take into account the premium tax of 2% per cent charged insurance companies under the Utah law.

Five thousand letters to employers of the state are being sent out by the commission, calling their attention to the fact that insurance under the workers' compensation is compulsory after July 1, 1917. This is based upon the theory that employers working more than four persons working for them. To become effective August 1, 1917, general safety rules, covering the requirements under the law for installation of safety devices in factories and other operating plants of the state were confirmed by the commission.

These rules were formulated after consultation by members of the commission with a committee representing the Manufacturers' Association of Utah, the Utah State Federation of Labor, the Insurance Federation of Utah, the Utah Chapter of the American Mining Congress and the Master Builders' exchange.

#### WASHINGTON COAL MINERS GET MUCH HIGHER WAGES

Seattle, Wash., June 9.—Washington coal miners will be paid higher wages than those of any other state except in certain portions of Montana, under the terms announced today of an agreement signed by wage scale committees representing the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 19, and the Washington Coal Operators association.

The schedule of increases granted includes a raise of fifty cents a day for all classes of labor, specified and unspecified, except miners, timbermen and tracklayers who are to receive an increase of sixty cents a day and proportionate raises are granted in other classes of work.

The previous agreement between the miners and the operators had a year yet to run, but the operators recognized the changed conditions, about

#### WALTZ, FOX TROT AND ONE STEP BIG DANCES

NEW YORK, June 12.—The waltz, fox trot and one step will continue to hold sway as the "big three" dances according to dancing instructors here attending the fourth annual convention of the International Association of Masters of Dancing.

While the instructors are sure of the performance of the three dances, it was announced today that at sessions of the convention, which will continue all the week, many new steps will be demonstrated. About two hundred members of the association are attending the convention.

United States Steel corporation on May 21st was 11,388,591 tons, according to the report issued last Saturday, a decrease of 294,482 tons from the April 19th figures which were the highest in the history of the corporation.

#### PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP NOTICES

(Consult county clerk or the respective executors for further information.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—STATEMENT OF Mary Jane Brower, Deceased. Creditors will present claims with vouchers to the undersigned at Ewell, Utah, on or before the 24th day of July, A. D., 1917. JOHN T. HOWLEY, Administrator of Estate of Mary Jane Brower, Deceased. First pub., May 25; last June 22, 1917.

#### NOTICE TO WATER USERS.

State Engineer's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 1, 1917. Notice is hereby given that Neal Banks, whose postoffice address is Price, Utah, has made application in accordance with the requirements of the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, as amended by the Session Laws of Utah, 1909, 1911 and 1915, to appropriate one-twentieth (1-20) of a cubic-foot of water per second from a small spring and stream in Carbon county, Utah. Said water issues at a point which lies 1498 feet west and 1230 feet south of the northeast corner of Sec. 29, Twp. 12, Section 14, East, Salt Lake meridian, thence west 99 degrees west 319 feet from the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of Sec. 15, Twp. 12 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake base and meridian. The water will be used at its point of issuance from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive, of each year, for stock watering purposes.

This application is designated in the state engineer's office as No. 7248. All protests against the granting of said application, stating the reasons therefor, must be made by affidavit in duplicate, accompanied by a fee of \$2.50, and filed in this office within thirty (30) days after the completion of the publication of this notice. G. F. McGONAGLE, State Engineer. Date of first publication, June 8, 1917, date of completion of publication, July 8, 1917.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.—IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF Carbon County, Utah, Ruth F. Lynch, Administratrix of the Estate of Frederick W. Lynch, Deceased, Plaintiff; Chas. W. Jensen, Ette Barbara Jensen, Husband and Wife, Defendants. Sheriff's Sale. To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 23d day of June, 1917, at the front door of the county court house of Carbon county, Utah, in the city of Price, Utah, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to the highest bidder for each, all the right, title, claim and interest of the above named defendants, and each of them, of, in and to the following described real estate, to wit: Lot Four (4), Block Ten (10), Scofield townsite, together with all improvements thereon situated, consisting of one log house, covered with rustic lumber and containing four rooms, all situated in the town of Scofield, Carbon county, Utah, dated, Price, Utah, this 23d day of May, 1917. GEORGE COLLINGHAM, Sheriff of Carbon County, Utah. First pub., May 25; last June 15, 1917.

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#### IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH, IN AND FOR Carbon County.—In the Matter of the Estate of Herman Franklin, Deceased. Notice of Private Sale of Real Estate. The undersigned will sell at private sale the following real estate, town of Blanding, one hundred and sixty feet south of the northwest corner of Lot No. 1, Block No. 1, land survey, Sec. 16, Twp. 14 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake meridian, thence south 67° 45' east, thence east two hundred feet, thence north 59° 45' east, thence west two hundred feet to place of beginning, in Price, Carbon county, Utah, on or after the 23d day of June, A. D., 1917, and written bids will be received at the office of F. E. Woods, Sylvester block, Price, Utah. Terms of sale, cash. Dated, June 4, 1917. MARIA J. FRANSEN, Administratrix.

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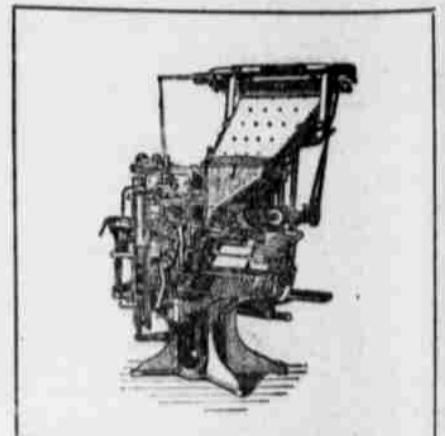
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